

Board approves temporary space for classrooms

*Darlene Pinkerton
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TJC trustees approved constructing a temporary building for classrooms, while Jenkins Hall is under construction.

The board in their Jan. 14 meeting unanimously approved taking \$400,000 from the college's plant fund to finance a 14,000 square foot metal building. It will house 18 to 20 classrooms, while Jenkins is being renovated and be used for storage and maintenance afterwards. The plant fund contains revenue bonds and proceeds of the settlement from the recent asbestos suit, Dr. Ken Dance, vice president of financial and administrative services, said.

Construction of the temporary building will begin in March. Students will use the classrooms for summer and fall terms. After the project is completed, the existing Baldwin Maintenance Building will be razed and the area turned into student parking.

First administrative offices will be moved from Jenkins Hall



staff photo by Darlene Pinkerton

UNITY MARCH - More than 450 citizens participated in the fourth annual Unity March of Celebration in downtown Tyler Jan. 18. Theme of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration was "Where Do We Go From Here?" The marchers walked from Fountain Square to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

to the soon-to-be-completed Jack and Dorothy Faye White Administrative Services Center. That move is expected to be made by late April, Physical Plant Director Bill Parker said.

Jenkins' renovation will begin May 17, as soon as this semester ends. Teachers' offices will be moved to the third floor of Rogers Student Center while Jenkins is being remodeled.

Once the Jenkins renovations are completed and classes

are moved back in, the new building will be converted to maintenance and storage use.

"This turns a temporary situation into a permanent solution for our maintenance staff," TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, said.

Trustees also approved a 3 percent state-mandated salary increase for all TJC employees. The raise retroactive to Sept. 1, 1992 will cost \$189,204 at TJC, with the state paying \$160,191. Dance

said the state pays educational staff only. Raises for maintenance, custodial and auxiliary employees will cost \$29,013, to come from local funds.

Funding for the salary raise comes from the larger-than-expected General Revenue Fund balance. State Comptroller John Sharp said in a letter to state leaders that the fund has increased because of reduced franchise tax litigation costs and successful beginning of the state's lottery.

Unity Marchers ignore rain

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Despite rainy, cold weather 450 citizens attended Jan. 18 activities celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Crowds gathered under umbrellas early in the morning at Fountain Square downtown to hear speeches from leaders in the black community.

Community leader Mary Nzapako said it is important to have the revolutionary value of loving one another with a true love as Jesus did.

This sentiment was echoed throughout the crowd by expressions on their faces.

Following the speech, citizens joined hands in a fourth Unity March of Celebration. The march originated in 1989 when the Rev. Jerome Milton and 150 citizens and members of Milton's Pleasant Hill Baptist Church congregation marched down the 100 block of East Oakwood Street. In 1991, Milton moved the march to downtown, where it is held annually on the King holiday.

They marched around the

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Bateman Hall theft uncovers burglary ring, security problems

*Keith Mathis
Page Editor*

A break-in at Bateman Hall last Halloween night led to the arrest and suspension of three TJC students and cleared up other crimes ranging from forgery to auto burglary to burglary of a habitation, Campus Safety Officer Lynn Guthrie said.

Guthrie said when he interrogated the trio, they admitted to more than 300 auto burglaries in the Tyler area. Property believed stolen in some of the burglaries was confiscated from the suspects.

The chain of events began when a Bateman Hall resident, John Doe (not his real name), reported to campus police, Nov. 1, 1992, that his driver's license and a gold chain had been taken from his room. Doe valued the necklace at \$120, Guthrie said.

A few days later Doe received a letter from a Dallas attorney

offering to represent him in a theft case he was charged with in Dallas County.

"The guy came and showed me the letter," Guthrie said. "He told me, 'I've never even been to Dallas before in my life.'"

Guthrie contacted the Dallas County Identification Division and requested fingerprints and a mug shot of the suspect in the Dallas theft case. He learned that the case involved a theft at the Town East Mall in Dallas.

Guthrie said the suspect in the case would remove an article of clothing from the rack and, without purchasing it, try to secure a refund on the merchandise. When the individual, who will be referred to as subject A, was caught, he presented authorities with Doe's driver license and identified himself as Doe.

"He was booked into and bonded out of Dallas County Jail

on a Class B theft, as Doe," Guthrie said.

Guthrie received the picture and prints from Dallas on Nov. 11, 1992, and called Doe to his office to identify the picture. Doe immediately identified the photo as another student living down the hall in Bateman.

Here the plot thickens.

While Doe was in Guthrie's office, a Tyler police officer came in with Doe's driver's license and a stolen check. Two TJC students, who will be referred to as subjects B and C, had attempted to cash the check, first at Nation's Bank drive-thru and then at a check cashing business on Beckham Avenue. When the clerk had called the bank on which the \$200 check was drawn, she was told the account had insufficient funds to cover the check. The clerk became suspicious and called the person on whose account the check was

drawn. The check owner told the clerk that the check had been stolen from her car several days earlier, Guthrie said.

Meanwhile, subject B evidently surmised something had gone wrong and ran from the business, leaving both check and license.

The clerk then called the police. While the police were there, she saw the car, which had dropped subject B off, drive by. The police stopped the car subject C was driving and he and subject B admitted to writing and signing the check, Guthrie said. Subject A had apparently loaned the stolen license to them.

During questioning, they admitted to stealing the check from a car in the K-Mart parking lot on Beckham, Guthrie said. Subject A also admitted to being involved in more than 50 auto burglaries, while subjects B and

C confessed to more than 300 burglaries, Guthrie said.

A search of the suspect's vehicles and residences turned up several items of stolen property, a set of golf clubs, a 12-volt air compressor, a pager and medical supplies.

Tyler Police charged subjects B and C with auto burglary as well as forgery, a third degree felony.

Campus Police charged subject A with burglary of a habitation.

TJC authorities suspended all three suspects, whom, Guthrie said, are from the Dallas-Terrell area.

The TJC News has learned from an unidentified source that the burglary which sparked this chain of events as well as others may have been carried out with the use of a master key, either stolen or

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Interracial relationships gain more acceptance

Paula Chalk
Staff Writer

Interracial relationships are becoming a more common sight. At first it was a shock to see people of different races walking hand-in-hand down the street, but today it is more accepted although some do not think it is good idea.

Russell Paramore, who is black, said interracial dating does not matter to him.

"I try to stay away from the situation. I think it would be better if each race stayed with its own," he said.

Terrie Hindsley, who is white, said she approves of interracial dating. "Color should not matter if you are in love," she said.

Many black women are offended by black men wanting to be with white women. They feel they have been neglected by their own race.

"I feel disappointed by our black men. Why should he want a white girl when he can have a Nubian princess?" a black woman student who did not want to be identified said.

Some white women do not see a problem with dating black men, although they admit that, if they found out about their actions, their parents would be shocked and very upset.

"Yes, I would date a black guy. Sometimes black guys are nicer to me than white guys," Stacy Cagle said.

Black men tend to stay within their own race in relationships, but date white women from time to time. Some say it doesn't

"Color should not matter if you are in love."

matter what color the women are as long as they love them. Others say a black woman is the only woman for them.

White men are more likely to stay within their own race in any relationship. They may have black friends, but when it comes to a relationship, they prefer a white woman.

"I could never see myself in a romantic situation with a black woman," a white freshman said who did not want to be identified said. "I would better prefer a white woman."

"I think the kids of this kind of relationship should say they are black because society will consider them to be black anyway," Paramore said.

"If I were in that kind of relationship, I would not have kids." Katina Lewis, a black woman, said. "It is too hard for a mixed child in the world we live in today."

Cody Childress, who is white, said, "They should say they're mixed, but they are really black in society."

These factors and more should be taken into consideration before entering an interracial relationship. If two people are in love they should be together, but if it is against what society says is right then they must be able to face the consequences.

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Faculty, students comment on new chief executive

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As the world watches the United States undergo a peaceful transition of power, Americans are wondering what the next four years and a new president will bring.

"I think we will see a calmer, milder, less active president than we saw a campaigner," History Instructor Linda Cross said.

"After he has walked a mile in the president's shoes, I think it will tone him down," she said.

"Frankly no president could keep all the promises he made to different groups (while campaigning)," part-time Government Instructor Arthur Smith said.

"When a president is campaigning he is saying things people want to hear. During the transition period the candidate has to wake up to reality," Cross said, "Now reality is hitting the president."

President Clinton campaigned on a domestic ticket emphasizing the economy. The economy intertwined with the unemployment level remains

one of the foremost issues in people's minds although opinions differ about what he should do to remedy the situation.

Some hope he will not make the economy a priority.

"Hopefully he won't deal with the economy because it's actually not that bad," Photography Major John Adame said.

History Major Tommy Green said "He's going to turn all our interest toward the economy while other countries rise in power."

"Even though recently we have seen improvement and the signs and indicators are up, there are still several important decisions he will have to make," Smith said, "It has to do with people who are structurally employed and those who have lost jobs because of the phasing out of industries."

Restructuring the welfare system "making it where a person can emerge into self-sufficiency will be a great help," Cross said.

She does not think Clinton should go to the extent FDR went to in the New Deal during the Great Depression to make jobs, "but he could put them to work doing something that needs to be done"

Another suggestion Cross

made was to clear out the "dead wood" jobs in Washington, "but if he does, that unemployment will rise. It's a 'Catch-22' situation."

While campaigning Clinton did not focus on foreign policy, yet "foreign policy cannot be ignored," Cross said. "He's going to have a real job, but every president learns what to do."

"Once he surrounds himself with the right sort of advice he should do well in foreign policy," Smith said.

Some students don't agree.

"I don't think he's very capable," Elementary Education Major Teri Abercrombe said.

"I'm hoping he will deal more with home things like unemployment rather than working overseas which is what we don't need right now," Adame said.

"When he was campaigning I was scared of the future. Now that he's making decisions, maybe this will be good for the country," Cross said. "We do need a change, but we can't afford a change for the worse."

'Aspen' ski flick bores extremely

James Keel
Staff Writer

Hollywood Pictures' new release "Aspen Extreme" has all the elements viewers expect from this kind of movie. Sadly though, they fall in a big pile like snow from an avalanche.

It all begins in Detroit, where hot shot skiers T.J. and Dexter become fed up with Motor City life and shirk it all to go to Aspen, Colo.

They start anew with the

most-sought-after jobs in town as private ski instructors.

They soon learn ski instructors gain fringe benefits with rich women wanting more than skiing lessons. These little side romances land T.J. in the sticky situation of choosing between two women whom he likes very much. Meanwhile the mob is hunting Dexter because he owes them \$10,000. That plot twist the writers should have left twisting in the wind.

Although the movie contains a lot of hot dog skiing, the

plot is so boring that only the skiing holds the audience. Even then the viewer is let down because it is nothing new. This movie could exist in any athletic genre, bicycle, moto-cross or long distance running. The movie wants us to focus on the lives of T.J. and Dexter in Aspen, but it's too typical. We've seen it all before.

"Aspen Extreme" leads viewers to walk out of the theater saying to themselves "That would be a good 99 cent rental." Too bad it costs \$5.

'Malcolm X' teaches history lesson

"Malcolm X", a high quality movie, allows people to learn what Malcolm X stood for.

The movie has a strong cast. Spike Lee did well in choosing Denzel Washington to play Malcolm X. Not only is Washington a great actor, but he also bears a striking resemblance to Malcolm.

This movie teaches a lot about the person as well as the civil rights activist.

This movie presents the complete history of Allah, the Islamic God. This film made me want to study the Muslim religion and history of these people.

"Malcolm X" is the perfect example of the way a person can

change and open his views and beliefs to unity and harmony with the world.

Lee produced this movie at a time when racial tension is high and confusion is great in American society. This movie will allow people to visualize how a person can grow from educating himself and others.

Senate appointees fill vacant offices

The Student Senatelost four of 11 Executive Board members and a committee chair this semester to grades or moves.

The loss is indicative of Senate activities attendance so far this semester, which has been slightly down, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said. The loss will not affect the Senate's agenda, he said.

Executive Board members who had to resign included: Senate Vice-President and Secretary Jennifer DeLeon and Michelle Scott, Freshman Vice-President Jonathon Mancil and Parliamentarian Tara Ayers. Publicity Chairman Chris Truax is not returning.

Student Senate President Jay Daggett quickly appointed students to the posts.

"We didn't want to hold a special election," Daggett said. "So we looked out to see if we could find some qualified people."

He named former Sophomore President Johnny

Patterson Senate Vice-President.

Former Sophomore Vice President Robb Legg became sophomore president.

Phi Theta Kappa representative Brandi Ladd and Epsilon Delta Pi representative Tara Beaird were selected as sophomore vice president and secretary.

T.J. Poole will remain Freshman president, but former Freshman Secretary Jennifer Stacey became vice-president and Marshall Hanna was selected as freshman secretary.

"I think we've got competent people willing to fill the positions," Nalley said. "Once they become oriented, it should be OK."

Senate Sponsor Nalley said that having new officers could have positive effects.

"It will probably help to get some new ideas and new approaches," he said. "All of these appointees have proven themselves academically successful, and we hope it will carry over."

Student Senate Secretary

Vedra Clavin said the loss of experience should not be a big factor.

"It is important to reorganize as quickly as possible, though," Clavin said. "We need to get organized before TJCSGA (Texas Junior Colleges Student Government Association) Convention."

"We don't have a lot of events scheduled for the spring semester, so the loss won't be as noticed." It will be crucial to involve freshmen in the next few weeks so that there will be candidates for next year's offices, she said.

TJCSGA, which takes place during Spring Break in March, involves scrapbook, essay, multi-media and song competitions.

Last year, TJC won first place in the state in scrapbook and second in essay competitions, Nalley said.

In the past, TJC has run for and held statewide offices.

'Oklahoma' box office to open Feb. 15

Many drama and choir students are practicing hard for the upcoming musical "Oklahoma." The TJC performance will mark the musical's 50th anniversary.

The show will be open at 7:30 p.m. March 4-6 in the Wise Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets will go on sale from 9-5 p.m., Feb. 15 in the Wise Cultural Arts Center box office. TJC students get in free with their student ID cards. For ticket information, call 510-2212.

Music Director Cheryl Rogers and co-director Dr. David Crawford have chosen the cast. Playing leading roles are: Laura Bateman as Aunt Keller, Mike Hickman as Curly and Tanya Sims as Laurey.

Others in the cast are: Lane Pianta as Ike Skidmore, Scott Milligan as Fred, Robby Sheperd as Slim, Wesley Johnston as Will Parker, Nathan Burgess as Jud Fry, Krista Kimlicko as Ado Annie Carnes, Spencer Cody as Ali Hakim, Tammy Goode as Gertie Cummings, Rhonda Bolton as Ellen, Leslie Wisdom as Kate, Chris Rocha as Andrew Carnes, Michelle Devereux as Vivian and other women's parts, Paul Parris as Mike and Jason Rice as Joe.

Assistant directors are Chris Irwin and Jill McDonald.

"Oklahoma" dancers include: Amanda McLeod, Emily King, Keely Trimble, Amy Lewis, Lori McEwen, Stephanie Bryan, Scott Copeland, Rob Sheperd, Wesley Johnstone and Paul Parris.

3 win scholarships in essay contest

Three TJC students won the "Discovery" essay contest. They won scholarships totalling \$800.

The contest was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the money was provided by the TJC Foundation.

Winners are: DeAnna Hargrove, \$400; Ray E. Mutchall, \$300 and Maria Natera, \$100.

The contest was part of the Phi Theta Kappa honors topic.

Burglary

Continued from page 1. borrowed from a residential assistant. The source said a master key was stolen from a Bateman Hall R.A. last fall and two weeks passed before locks in the dormitory were changed.

Residential Life Director Kathleen Pierce said, "We had an incident where a master key was misused," she said. "The situation was dealt with and appropriate action taken."

Frankie Muffoletto, interim dean of students, said the two-week delay in changing the locks

was due to an investigation into whether the key had actually been stolen or merely misplaced. Muffoletto cited the considerable expense of changing all the locks in the residence hall as the reason for the investigation and delay.

"When we are presented with a problem we take steps to insure the students' safety," Muffoletto said.

Muffoletto added that it has always been against school policy for RAs to loan master keys to anyone and that policy has not changed.

March

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Square and toImmaculate Conception Cathedral singing spirituals such as "Amen" and "We Shall Overcome" as downtown workers looked from office windows and doors. Others stood along the streets waving and cheering the marchers on.

At the church, speakers from the community and Tyler Ministerial Alliance talked about the response of non-violence. The Rev. Orenthia Mason delivered King's "Letter from the Birmingham Jail."

Keynote speaker Pastor Noel Jones compared racism to the deadly AIDS epidemic in his talk. Both are spreading across the nation and killing Americans.

He credited King with rais-

ing awareness of racism, but stressed that citizens today must resolve the situation. Unity, with the church as the backbone, is the only way racism can be overcome.

"We may grow tired but we can not quit. We may lose the battle, but we will not lose the war," he said.

Ernest Deckerd, local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People president, said King holiday activities are a step in the right direction for Tyler.

"We hope that recognition of Dr. King will bring Tyler together as a whole, breaking the barriers that are dividing us as a community,"



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America's Team drives fashion

Lewis Keener
Staff Writer

Proud Dallas Cowboy fans, after 14 years without a Super Bowl win, once again are wearing the team's logo. The Cowboys' storming of the Buffalo Bills has made it more popular than ever to ride the bandwagon dressed Lone Star style.

For years, when America's Team was losing fans were too embarrassed to wear any Cowboys' clothing or admit they loved Da Boys. Die-hard fans began pulling out their paraphernalia dating back to the early 1980s as the team began winning again last fall. New Cowboys' sportswear also began selling well.

Today the most popular items are blue and silver, star-decorated baseball caps, warm-up jackets and coats, T-shirts and baby clothes, but where one finds a Cowboys' logo has no bounds.

Retail stores around Tyler, like Champs in Broadway Square Mall, have seen sales of Cowboys' clothing escalate so they are frequently sold out. "We're lucky to

keep anything in the store, especially jackets, ball caps and sweatshirts," one store manager said.

Along with retail stores, an army of streetside Cowboys' memorabilia vendors have popped up around town along South Broadway, Highway 155 and in front of the Super 1 supermarket on Troup Highway.

At the Super 1 location a tent covers tables where vendors sell Cowboys Super Bowl treasures. Merchandise ranges from bumper stickers and foam footballs to towels and Super Bowl programs.

A vendor, known only as Anthony, says everything is selling fast and he has a truck constantly bringing in new merchandise. "The hottest selling item so far is the baseball caps similar to the ones the Cowboys wore on the sidelines after they beat San Francisco," Anthony said.

Since the Cowboys' win Sunday, vendors predict a new onslaught of sportswear to flood the streets, supermarkets and retail stores in the area.

Sports Won Incorporated, a Dallas based company, set up shop in the Sheraton Hotel the last two weeks before the game selling apparel at cheaper prices than the street vendors. They created a nonstop flow of customers through the hotel.

"They stay busy. Our hotel occupants are complaining about the parking lot being full of cars not owned by people staying here," a front desk clerk said.

The vendors inside are not complaining. "We were selling close to \$6,000 worth of memorabilia a day before the big game. By next Wednesday when we receive new stuff, we expect to sell the same amount," one clerk said. "We didn't have any problems selling off the stuff from before the Super Bowl so we could make room for the Cowboys' championship stuff."

Street vendors will sell until sometime after the Pro Bowl game is played Sunday and the Feb. 9 ticker tape parade for the Cowboys in downtown Dallas is over, Anthony said.

"People act as if they just can't get enough of this stuff," he said.

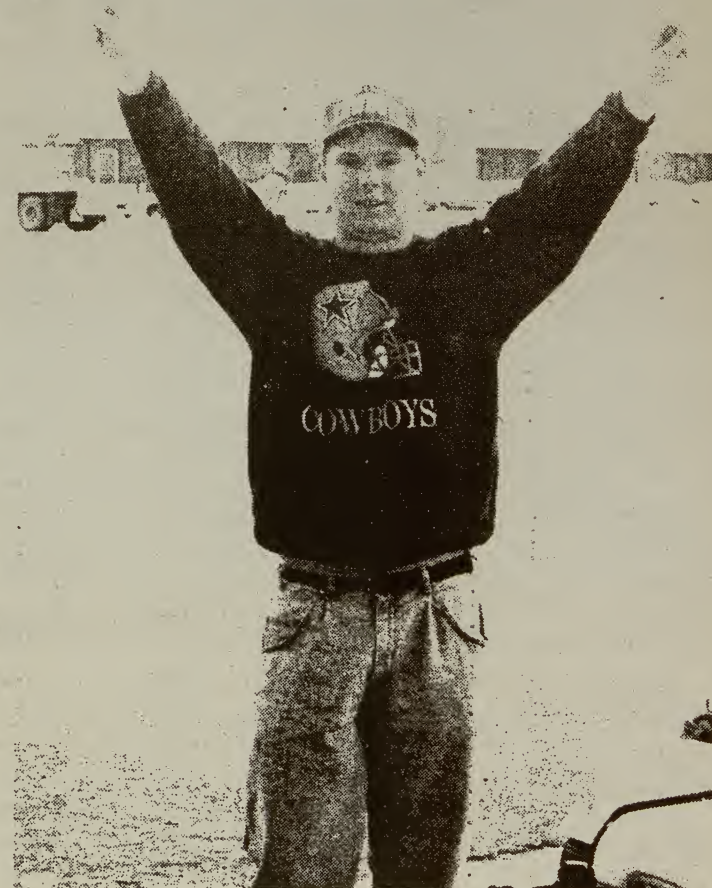


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YEAH!-TJC student shows off his Cowboy s apparel to make the fashion statement of the year.

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March 29 Self Esteem

These videos will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day outside of support services in Rogers Student Center. Admission is free and open to all.

Editing begins for Touchstone magazine

Critiquing for the Touchstone magazine begins next week. This year's theme is "Voyage of Discovery." Entries will be judged by a staff of student readers. Entries will be identified by only a number.

"All work is judged anonymously, so the readers will not know whose work they are critiquing," Touchstone Sponsor Gloria Peggram said. Each entry will be judged by seven readers. Students interested in being readers may contact sponsors Noamie Byrum in J214-B, Peggram in J226 or Judith Turman in J224. Critiquing will last from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 8-12.

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News Briefs

Play to celebrate Black History

Two events are planned to celebrate Black History Month in Tyler. First is a play, "The Natural Man," at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Caldwell Auditorium, 300 S. College Avenue.

The second event will feature guest speaker Emma Darnell at the Black History Banquet at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in the East Texas Baptist Association Heritage Building at 1800 Bellwood Road.

"Natural Man" by Theodore Brown, is based on the John Henry legends. Brown was a graduate of City College in New York.

The John Henry character of a steel-driving superman in folk stories and ballads was a composite of several railroad men. Among these were black convict laborers on southern railways. The prisoners were not paid for their work.

In the play which, opened in 1937, white prisoners taunt the Negroes. This becomes a rallying cry for Negro nationalism, a critic wrote. The play utilizes folklore, music and staging.

This and other dramas and short stories helped establish The American Negro Theater which opened in May, 1941 in New York City.

This performance is a renewal of interest in Ameri-

can folklore that was so popular in the 1930s.

Mrs. Opal Edwards will direct the play. The Rev. Rodney Atkins and Victory Temple Church of God in Christ staff will sponsor the performance. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Proceeds will go towards Black History Month and other donations will be accepted, Atkins said.

Banquet speaker Darnell is a county commissioner in Atlanta, Ga. She served as an assistant to Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

Tickets for the Black History Month Banquet cost \$15.

For additional ticket information, contact: Atkins at 593-4063 or 531-1317, Mrs. Veronica Johnigan at 597-1243, or the Rev. Curtis Lee at 597-7338.

Golden Z Club seeks women

Special Populations Counselor Adriana Stanley is looking for women students who want to charter a Golden Club on campus.

Golden Z Clubs are the junior college version of Zonta International, a women's service organization. They emphasize improving women's opportunities and building leadership qualities in young people around the world.

The campus club will provide services for TJC and the Tyler community.

Anyone interested in joining Golden Z should contact Stanley in Support Services, second floor of Rogers Student Center, or call her at 510-2395.

Campus groups plan Spiritual Week

Campus religious organizations will promote Spiritual Emphasis Week March 29-April 2.

"Even though it's a week, we're really putting the main emphasis on Tuesday," Philip Attebery, Association of Baptist Students director, said.

March 30 events are a faculty appreciation breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Apache rooms and a free concert featuring Christian singer Kenny Marks at 7 p.m. in Wise Auditorium.

Last year's Spiritual Emphasis Week included guest speakers of different religious beliefs.

"We try to do something different every year to interest the students and increase their spiritual awareness," Attebery said.

"It's good that TJC sees the value of spiritual emphasis," he said.

"If all the students' needs are met, it will help them be more stable going into the work force."

3 singers gain regional status

The National Association of Teachers of Singing selected Denise Attaway, Wesley Harris III and Leslie Wisdom as semifinalists in regional student auditions late last semester.

Each student sang three songs: one from an opera or oratorio, one in a foreign language and an one art song in English, Choral Music Instructor Steven Nelms said.

Students rehearsed early this semester and performed from memory at the contest at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in early November.

Three judges heard more than 800 students from Texas and Oklahoma, Nelms said. Only students who scored higher than 90 were named semifinalists and advanced to the next round.

Attaway is a freshman elementary education major. Her minor is music.

Harris is a freshman music major.

Wisdom is a sophomore music major. She was a semifinalist at the 1991 NATS student auditions.

Freshmen Rhonda Bolton and Chris Dickson also auditioned.

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Race relations task force continues seeking solutions to racism in city

Jeremy Coe
Staff Writer

Tyler Together race relations task force plans the year's first town meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Central Jury Room of Smith County Courthouse.

The task force uses two types of meetings: group meetings and town meetings.

Both meetings are open to the public, but town meetings give citizens a forum to air grievances and seek information. Anyone wishing to speak may have the floor for five minutes, task force leader John Sims said.

The task force meets the first and third Mondays each month to solve racial problems and increase understanding, task force member Linda Zeigler said. At the first Monday group meetings members share ideas and plans for such activities as small interracial group get-togethers and tours of the city.

A shooting in rural Smith County last year caused a surge in attendance for the group, led by local Episcopal priest David Galoway.

A Smith County grand jury no-billed Kilgore police officer Greg Baggett, who is white, last summer for the death of Annie Rae Dixon, an elderly black woman.

Baggett was on a drug raid

when he burst into Dixon's bedroom. He claimed his gun accidentally went off, killing the bedridden grandmother instantly. Officers found no drugs in the residence and later discovered that Dixon's house was in Smith County while the raid was carried out under a Gregg County warrant.

The race relations group gained respect following the appearance of the Ku Klux Klan at the Smith County Courthouse last August. It was the first of three KKK appearances held last year.

The Klan was demonstrating because of racially-charged events surrounding Baggett's trial and community furor over the verdict.

Tyler radio personality John Sims is a task force leader. He said he wants to see the community come closer together.

"My perception is that there is a lot of racism in the world after 10,000 years," Sims said. "There's many people who are overtly racist, but most of us fall in the gray areas."

"Many times we wake up and say we have found a solution," Tyler NAACP President Ernest Deckard said. "But solutions don't come that easy. We have to keep hammering away at the issue."

Deckard believes the group will eventually solve the problem

if each member makes an individual difference.

Deckard is discouraged by young people's apathy toward civil rights issues. He believes that ignorance of what the Jim Crow era meant has led to a lack of compassion.

The group has explored involvement of city government in racial issues. Tom Mullins, director of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council, assured the task force in September that the Chamber recognizes the problem and is willing to take action.

He said Tyler received a \$500,000 federal grant for a revolving loan program to develop lower-income businesses.

Journalism Program Director Zeigler and Terry Henson, a bail bondsman, have organized the Tyler tours. These take small groups in vans to areas of town where progress has been made and those that still need work.

Seven people went on the first tour Nov. 22, 1992. Sims was pleased with the turnout.

Sims said some of those touring had misconceptions about north Tyler, an area densely populated by blacks. They were surprised at the beauty of many homes and the number of thriving businesses.

For information on Tyler Tours, call Zeigler at 566-8966.



Photo by David Shaver

LENDING A HAND - TJC's first nationally certified tutor, Misty Otts, helps a student in the computer lab.

Tutor gains national certification

Sophomore journalism major Misty Otts has become TJC's first nationally certified tutor. To earn this honor she completed 10 hours of tutor training and 25 hours of tutoring.

Ott, who has been tutoring since spring 1991, has learned she enjoys helping others on a one-to-one basis.

"I enjoy helping people and continuing using the knowledge I

gain from my classes," Ott said.

As she progressed as a tutor, she learned that she could become nationally certified. This means she can tutor at any other college.

She had to make an A on every subject, or get special permission to tutor in any subject in which she made a B. Ott tutors college math, English, biology, computer science and all history courses.

Memorial to honor Marshall Feb. 13

A memorial service will be held for former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall at 10:00 a.m. on Feb. 13 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Marshall, the attorney who successfully argued the landmark anti-discrimination case, *Brown*

vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, in 1954, died of congestive heart failure last week.

The Hon. William Wayne Justice and UT Tyler President Dr. George F. Hamm will speak.

Marshall was named to the Supreme Court by President Lyndon Johnson.

Lightning: your VCR's worst enemy

Angela Hudson
Staff Writer

A spark streaks across the sky with a bright flash of light, followed by a loud boom. The ancient Greeks said Zeus, the god of war was angry. Now we know this occurrence as lightning.

Lightning is a spark of electricity. It can be formed in snowstorms, sandstorms, nuclear explosions, but most commonly it comes in thunderstorms.

Of the three forms of lightning, that inside a single cloud is the most common. Lightning that jumps from one cloud to another is second most common and produces the largest bolts. It can span up to 150 miles. The least common type, cloud-to-ground light-

ning, causes the greatest damage and is most visible.

Engineering Technology Director Keith Bridges suggested two ways to prevent lightning damage.

The first is to ground the house or tower. This means provides the easiest way for the lightning to travel to the ground. An example of good grounding, Bridges said, is the KETK TV tower.

"This tower is struck 30 to 40 times a year by lightning without any damage, because the tower is grounded," he said.

The second way to prevent damage is with a lightning arrester, or a surge protector. Make

sure, Bridges said, that the protector has spike protection or some type of surge protection. Some products sold as protectors are simple power strips with extra plug outlets.

"Lightning can cause damage without a direct hit," he said, because of electric pulses of given off during the strike.

The best way to protect against damage is to unplug sensitive equipment like computers, television sets, VCRs, and radio equipment.

"But (do so) only before the lightning is striking in the area, because it can electrocute you as you are unplugging the equipment," Bridges said.



LUNCH ANYONE?

The first 10 students to make a reservation in person by Friday, February 12, in the Dean of Students Office (Rogers Student Center) will enjoy a complimentary lunch with the Interim Dean of Students on Tuesday, February 16, 1993, at 11:45 a.m. in Apache Room #4.



Men's basketball team climbs despite obstacles

David Shaver
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team worked itself into fifth place in the Texas Eastern Conference during Christmas break.

Despite the loss of returning starter Donald Thompson, who has a broken foot, the Apaches can still earn a berth in the post-season state tournament if they finish among the top eight teams in the conference.

Following a slow 2-6 start, the Apaches won seven of the last eight games before the Jan. 27 game against Lee College at home.

Sophomore George Butler, the leading scorer at 21.2 points per game, has taken on Thompson's duties as point guard. Sophomore Joe Wilbert is not far behind with an average of 18 ppg.

The Apaches have relied on pushing the ball up the floor and tight defense. "Coach Thomas always stresses man-to-man pressure defense," Assistant Coach Fred Rike said. "We like to play up tempo."

Besides Thompson, the Apaches also lost freshmen Terrence Johnson and Antonio Gooden to grades, lowering the team's depth, which is an important factor for up-tempo teams.

"Coach Thomas' goal every year is to win the conference," Rike said. "This year the conference is solid from top to bottom. Anybody can beat you."

A TJC victory over first-place San Jacinto College and a loss to last-place Blinn College illustrates Rike's conference analysis.

Players to watch for the remainder of the season are Butler, Wilbert and sophomore Russell Watson, who has been hampered by injuries throughout the season. Rike believes all three will sign with Division I schools when the season is over.



Photo by David Shaver

TOO LITTLE - Freshman forward Ricky Azantilo shoots a free throw during the Apache home game against Lee College, as sophomores Jason Bridgewater (12) and George Butler (50) watch. Midway through the second half, the game remained a four-point contest until Lee sharpshooters buried some key three-pointers. The Apache rally fell short and Lee won 78-71. TJC will play two remaining conference home games, meeting Blinn College at 7 p.m. Saturday and Angelina College at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The Apache Ladies play Panola College at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Wagstaff Gym.

Men's doubles team vies for nationals

TJC tennis teams had a successful fall semester in Division 1 competition with key wins in tournament play around the state.

Doubles players Mattias Jonsson and Rogelio Guerrero will compete for national ranking this week in Minneapolis.

They won in the National Small College ITA/Rolux Tournament in Corpus Christi last fall to earn the Minnesota berth. This tournament featured the top 31 NCAA Division I players and small college winners.

Maribel Amadeo won the women's singles and Kristi Benson and Ana Golubovic won women's doubles in the Rolex/Regional Qualifier in Waco. The men put two semi-finalists in singles and one in doubles.

Nine men players won the men's overall team title at the Collin County Invitational in Plano. Best individual finish for TJC was Jonas Redin who defeated teammate Patrick Osuna in No. 2 singles finals.

The same weekend in Beaumont at the Lamar University Invitational "the women handled themselves very well,"

Tennis Coach John Peterson said.

Denise Sukup won No. 4 flight singles and Summer Rickman won No. 6 flight singles. TJC was the only junior college competing with seven Division 1 schools.

Amadeo won the women's singles. Benson and Golubovic won women's doubles.

Amadeo, Benson and Golubovic met Jonsson and Guerrero in the super bowl final.

The women closed out their season with a 5-4 dual match win over Cooke County and a 5-1 dual match over Northwestern State University at the Crown Collin Invitational in Lufkin.

Gene Highfield, Jesper Hellstrand and Anis Mezzour won No. 1, 2 and 3 flighted singles respectively.

Tim Smith and Highfield won the No. 2 flighted doubles in the same tournament.

"The team dominated a largely Division 1 tournament," Peterson said.

The men ended their season at the Bill Day Memorial at Tyler Tennis and Swim with Highfield and Smith winning doubles.

On the team are: Amadeo of Puerto Rico, Benson of Wichita Falls, Tatjana Dulic and Golubovic of Yugoslavia, Rakel Nielsen of Denmark, Ruckman of San Antonio and Kristi Rymer of Terrell.

Others are: Sukup of Switzerland, Guillaume Gauthier of Quebec, Guerrero of Mexico City, Hellstrand, Jonsson, Max Nilsson and Stefan Nilsson of Sweden, Highfield of New Braunfels, Mezzour of Morocco, Osuna of Williamsburg, Va. and Matt Probey of Jenks, Okla.

Tennis Schedule

****Feb 4-7 Rolex/ITA Indoor Championships, Minneapolis.**

Feb 6-7 Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City.

****Feb 12-14 Intercollegiate Tennis Association JC Championships, Houston**

****Feb 20 San Jacinto College, Pasadena.**

**** Women and Men**

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Rev. R. L. Atkins
Project Director

Black History Month Banquet

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